Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 27 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023 at 02:49 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence Wednesday. Moderate for deteriorating conditions and rising freezing levels through Thursday and Friday, but low for timing. Low confidence over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023: Cold but mainly dry with light winds. Sunny start, but clouding over for most.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	<05%	10%	10%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Weather: A largely dry day with just a few light showers possible over coastal hills in the far north. Plenty of sunshine for most this morning, but patchy cloud soon developing over Assynt and the far north. Turning mostly cloudy in the afternoon, but western coastal hills likely to remain mostly sunny. Cloud breaking up in the north during the evening, but a chance of light snow across Knoydart towards midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80-90%

Low cloud and visibility: Very good or excellent visibility with cloud bases mostly above the summits. More extensive cloud lowering to 500-600m in the evening across Knoydart, perhaps reaching the Glen Shiel hills by midnight.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	8/11 E	6/9 E	4/7 NE	12/16 N	11/15 NE	18/25 E	17/25 E
900	9/11 E	7/10 E	4/7 NE	12/16 N	11/15 NE	20/27 E	19/27 E
600	6/9 E	6/9 E	5/8 NE	11/15 N	10/14 NE	13/22 E	15/24 E
300	5/10 E	4/9 E	3/7 NE	9/15 N	7/15 NE	8/19 E	9/20 E
Glen	9/13 E	6/10 E	4/7 NW	11/17 N	12/19 N	12/22 E	14/22 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-9	-4/-8	-1/-4	-1/-6	-1/-6	-3/-10	-3/-10
900	-4/-9	-3/-7	-0/-3	0/-5	-0/-5	-2/-9	-3/-10
600	-1/-4	0/-3	2/-0	2/-2	2/-2	0/-5	0/-5
300	0/-2	4/2	6/5	7/4	6/3	3/-0	2/-2
Glen	3/-1	6/5	9/8	10/7	8/5	6/2	5/0
Freezing Level*	100m	200m	400m	400m	400m	400m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note low freezing level and cold summit temperatures. Moderate UV levels despite increasing cloud cover. Best of the sunshine in the afternoon across Skye and the Cuillins.

Forecast for Thursday 27 Apr 2023

Weather: Dry with some clear spells north of Assynt through the early hours, with high cloud here from dawn, lowering onto the tops by mid-morning. Elsewhere, mainly light but persistent snow, rain in the glens, and extensive hill fog throughout. Snow spreads to the far north in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southeast 15-20 mph, gusting 25 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Generally nil, but 80% across the far north in the morning.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility across Assynt and the far north early to mid-morning. Otherwise poor visibility throughout with cloud likely to be persistent down to the lower slopes.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius rising to plus 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 400m, rising to 800m around midday, then 1200m in the evening, but only reaching 800m in the far north.

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